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1. JORMA SEISE, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT, PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON QUESTION RAISED IN REFTEL. FINNISH LAW DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN POSSESSION OR TRAFFICKING OF MARIHUANA AND HARD DRUGS. IN PRACTICE COURTS HAVE USED DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF DRUG LAWS. AS A GENERAL RULE, POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIHUANA IS CONSIDERED A MISDEMEANOR AND MAY RESULT IN FINES WITH NO PRISON TERM; WHEREAS, LARGER QUANTITIES (OVER 10 KILOS) WOULD BE A FELONY WITH MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF TEN YEARS.

2. SEISE STATED THAT HASHISH IS MORE COMMON IN FINLAND AND THAT IN PAST TEN YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO OR THREE MARIHUANA CASES INVOLVING SMALL QUANTITIES AND RESULTING IN MISDEMEANORS.
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